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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Task Force to Study Implementing a Parental Involvement Grade in Public**  
3                                   **Schools**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Implementing a Parental  
5 Involvement Grade in Public Schools; providing for the composition of the Task  
6 Force; requiring the Governor to appoint the chairman of the Task Force;  
7 requiring the Department of Education to provide the staffing for the Task  
8 Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation but  
9 entitling members to reimbursement of expenses under a certain law; requiring  
10 the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of  
11 implementing a parental involvement grading system in the State's public  
12 schools including certain information; requiring the Task Force to submit a  
13 certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly  
14 on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
15 generally relating to the Task Force to Study Implementing a Parental  
16 Involvement Grade in Public Schools.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That:

19       (a)       There is a Task Force to Study Implementing a Parental Involvement  
20 Grade in Public Schools.

21       (b)       The Task Force consists of the following members appointed by the  
22 Governor:

23               (1)       two members of the Senate of Maryland, nominated by the President  
24 of the Senate;

25               (2)       two members of the House of Delegates, nominated by the Speaker of  
26 the House;

27               (3)       two members of the State Board of Education, nominated by the  
28 President of the Board;

1 (4) the State Superintendent of Schools;

2 (5) at least three representatives from local school districts who have  
3 experience working in the area of parental involvement in education; and

4 (6) at least three parents with children currently attending public  
5 schools in the State.

6 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

7 (d) The Maryland State Department of Education shall provide staff for the  
8 Task Force.

9 (e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on  
10 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
11 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

12 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the  
13 feasibility of implementing a parental involvement grading system in the State's  
14 public schools, including:

15 (1) a methodology for determining how a parent's involvement will be  
16 evaluated;

17 (2) who will be evaluating a parent's involvement;

18 (3) the types of activities that will be included in a parent's evaluation;

19 (4) the manner by which a parent will be notified of the parent's  
20 involvement grade; and

21 (5) any other issues relevant to the determination or issuance of a  
22 parental involvement grade.

23 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
24 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate  
25 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and  
26 Means Committee on or before July 1, 2005.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
29 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
30 abrogated and of no further force and effect.